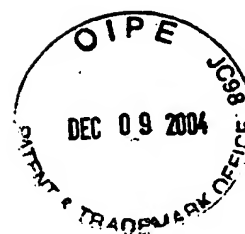


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In re Patent Application of
Serial No. 10/669,529
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